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REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF AN AMENDED SPECIFICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.215(c)

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Applicant requests publication per 37 CFR 1.215(c) of the application noted above based on a copy of the application, supplied in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements, as amended by Preliminary Amendment A, filed herewith.

Favorable consideration and an early allowance of this application is requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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Please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the following paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6:

Brief Description Of The Appendices

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Appendix A includes a description of the packet and message formats in an exemplary embodiment of the protocol software according to the invention.

Add the following paragraph after page 6, line 5:

Brief Description of the Appendix

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Appendix A, figure 1A illustrates the level of service provided during the fault detection and recovery interval for each of the failure modes.

Appendix A, figure 2A compares the requests serviced per second versus the requests received per second.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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omit

The packets 1004 contain messages. In one embodiment, each packet 1004 includes a collection of zero or more messages plus additional headers. Each message

